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September 22, 2011

TO: Beach Commission  
FROM: *Kerry Silverstrom for*  
Santos H. Kreimann, Director

**SUBJECT: BEACH COMMISSION AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 28, 2011**

Enclosed is the agenda for your meeting of September 28, 2011, together with the minutes of your July 27, 2011 meeting. Also enclosed are reports related to Agenda Items 3A, 4A, 5A, 5B, and 5D and the Beach Commission Attendance Record.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Enclosures



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**AGENDA**

Meeting of the Beach Commission  
September 28, 2011  
9:30 a.m.  
Burton Chace Park  
13650 Mindanao Way  
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(July 27, 2011)

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Reconsideration of the May 25, 2011 Minutes (APPROVAL)

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation on the Zuma Beach Underpass (PRESENTATION)

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Ongoing Activities Report (DISCUSS REPORT)

- Board Actions on Items Relating to Beaches

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events (DISCUSS REPORT)

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report (VERBAL REPORT)  
Regarding Beach Maintenance

D. Capital Projects Status Report (DISCUSS REPORT)

E. Lifeguard Report (VERBAL REPORT)

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE & LOCATION** – Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park Community Room.

*Clare Bronowski, Chair  
Catherine McCurdy,  
Vice-Chair*

*Thomas Barnes  
Ronald Chatman  
Rosi Dagit  
Gary R. Dimkich  
Walt Dougher*

*Don Doyle  
Jeffrey Jennings  
Kelly McDowell  
Charles Milam  
Wayne Powell*

*Norma Pratt  
Don Rohrer  
Jeffrey Sallee  
Andrew Stern*

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2011**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Ronald Chatman  
Rosi Dagit  
Walt Dougher  
Catherine McCurdy, Vice Chair  
Kelly McDowell  
Charles Milam  
Wayne Powell  
Jeffrey Sallee  
Andrew Stern

**ABSENCES**

Thomas Barnes  
Clare Bronowski, Chair  
Gary Dimkich  
Jeffrey Jennings  
Norma Pratt  
Don Rohrer

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kerry Silverstrom, Chief Deputy Director  
Adam Uehara, Captain, Lifeguard Division,  
Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Kenneth Foreman, Acting Division Chief, Facilities and  
Property Maintenance Division  
Catrina Love, Community & Marketing  
Services Division  
Penelope Rodriguez, Community & Marketing  
Services Division

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

None

**MEETING LOCATION**

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair McCurdy called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and asked Commissioner Milam to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners and staff stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Dougher moved for approval of the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any comments and the minutes were approved. Commissioner McDowell abstained.

3. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Revision of Beach Commission Rules

Mrs. Silverstrom stated that the change made at the Commission's request is that vacant seats on the



Commission are considered to have an inactive status. Also, the addition of the Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library as one of several locations where the Commission agenda will be posted prior to each meeting. **Commissioner Milam motioned to approve the rules seconded by Commissioner Powell, motion was carried unanimously.**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Amendment No. 3 to the Adopt-A-Highway Beach Trash Barrel Sponsorship Agreement

Ms. Love stated that DBH has worked with Adopt-A-Highway for 15 years and they have been a great sponsor. Also in 2005, the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment was to provide lids for the barrels. This agreement is due to expire this year on October 23, 2011. Adopt-A-Highway wanted to continue as sponsors but due to the economy they needed a reduction in the annual sponsorship payment as well as the number of barrels provided. Through negotiations we were able to come up with \$145,000 annually for two years with one three-year extension. Commissioner Dagit asked if 500 less barrels would be a problem on the beaches. Ms. Love said that DBH always has extra barrels at some of the maintenance yards so we would be able to maintain with a decreased number of barrels. Mr. Foreman added if that is not enough, DBH would have to buy more. Ms. Love asked if there are any more questions and there weren't any. **The motion was moved and seconded and carried unanimously.**

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Ongoing Activities Report

Mrs. Silverstrom mentioned the attachment to agenda item 5A, Report On Feasibility Of Redistributing Beaches And Harbors Funds To Allow For the Hiring Of More Beach Maintenance Personnel is the one sent to the Board for approval. Mrs. Silverstrom also stated that the Board extended the sunset review date of the Beach Commission to December 31, 2014 and the beverage agreement was approved for healthy beverages. Commissioner Dougher asked if there are sugary drinks. Ms. Love said the drinks are naturally sweetened.

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events

Mrs. Silverstrom mentioned Small Craft Harbor Commissioner Russ Lesser's band is performing at the Fisherman's Village concerts and invited the Commissioners to the DBH summer concerts. Mrs. Silverstrom also stated that the DBH concerts are not funded for next year but DBH was working with Supervisor Knabe to raise the funds along with funding for the WaterBus.

C. Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Report

Mr. Foreman stated that DBH was authorized to hire 13 of the Grounds Maintenance Worker I's as temporary items. With the funding DBH received, 23 people were hired, including 9 Grounds Maintenance Workers I's and some GAIN participants from the Dept. of Public Social Services, a savings of 80%. Mr. Foreman said they added to the night crew for heavy clean ups to allow for the restrooms to be opened up by the 5 a.m. crew. He also said the workers were getting ready for the Surf Festival installing bleachers and platforms. Commissioner Milam asked if cleaning of the bike

path funds were affected and has DBH had many complaints regarding the bike path. Mr. Foreman stated that the bike path is maintained by the Dept. of Public Works. Mrs. Silverstrom stated that the restroom complaints came from not opening the restrooms early enough, not for lack of cleanliness. The only other complaints are about the parking lot machines not working. Commission Dougher asked about the water quality. Mrs. Silverstrom said there was only 1 or 2 closures due to water quality. Commissioner Dougher asked if staffing would be a problem next year because these workers are temporary. Mrs. Silverstrom said this will become permanent funding. Commissioner McDowell asked when the Lifeguard facility at El Segundo would be complete. Mr. Foreman said that it is a Lifeguard project. Captain Uehara said the contractor had gone out of business.

#### **D. Capital Projects Status Report**

Commissioner Dagit asks if the 16 leach fields in the Topanga and Malibu areas had been completed. Mr. Foreman said yes and commented that the report lists all the projects completed and yet to be completed. Commissioner Powell asked if DBH had problems getting funds for federally funded programs. Mrs. Silverstrom said the only problem was funding to fully dredge the Marina's entrances and channel.

#### **E. Lifeguard Report**

Captain Uehara said it's been a very busy summer, with increased attendance of about 4 million and double the rescues. He also invited the Commissioners to the International Surf Festival and Medal of Valor Dinner that is coming up in Redondo Beach and the Lifeguard Championships. He also invited them to the Pier-to-Pier swim, the Junior Lifeguard Regional Championships and the California Surf Lifesaving Association Regional. Captain Uehara mentioned that the Lifeguards would be sending a team to the Lifeguard National Championships in New Jersey for the 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Bronowski adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

### **NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2011, 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl McGee  
Commission Secretary



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**Santos H. Kreimann**

Director

Kerry Silverstrom

Chief Deputy

Gary Jones

Deputy Director

September 22, 2011

To: Beach Commission

From: Santos H. Kreimann, Director 

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM 3A – RECONSIDERATION OF MAY 25, 2011 MINUTES**

Item 3A seeks reconsideration of the May 25, 2011 Beach Commission meeting minutes as approved by your Commission at its June 22, 2011 meeting and approval of the amended minutes to accurately represent Patrick Murphy's testimony and the Commission's vote relative to the proposed revisions to the Beach and Harbor Use Permit Policy. Specifically, the May 25, 2011 minutes as approved by your Commission:

- (1) Inaccurately identified Mr. Murphy's testimony as opposing the location bid but indicating it should only be used as a tie-breaker. Mr. Murphy testified before the Board of Supervisors on this matter that he did not support the location bid at all. Upon review of the Commission meeting tape thereafter, Mr. Murphy's testimony was actually that the location bid should be capped or eliminated, and the amended minutes now, therefore, reflect this; and,
- (2) Inaccurately reflected the Commission's vote relative to moving the matter to the Board as six to two in favor, when, in fact, the vote was five to three. The minutes have now been corrected to accurately reflect this vote. Of note, this mistake was of no consequence, because when the matter was presented to the Board of Supervisors, we inaccurately represented the vote as actually worse – four to four – and those who testified represented the Commission had never supported movement of the matter forward, not also mentioning a quorum of the Commission to vote on the matter had never been achieved.

Your Commission's reconsideration of the May 25, 2011 minutes is, therefore, requested, as is your approval of the amended version.

SHK:ks  
Attachment



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEACH COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2011**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Clare Bronowski, Chair  
Ronald Chatman  
Walt Dougher  
Don Doyle  
Catherine McCurdy, Vice Chair  
Kelly McDowell  
Wayne Powell  
Don Rohrer  
Andrew Stern

**ABSENCES**

Thomas Barnes  
Rosi Dagit  
Gary Dimkich  
Jeffrey Jennings  
Charles Milam  
Norma Pratt  
Jeffrey Sallee

**STAFF PRESENT**

Santos Kreimann, Director  
Kerry Silverstrom, Chief Deputy Director  
Lawrence Hafetz, County Counsel  
Mike Frazer, Chief, Lifeguard Division, Los Angeles  
County Fire Department  
Kenneth Foreman Acting Division Chief, Facilities and  
Property Maintenance Division  
Catrina Love, Community & Marketing  
Services Division  
Penelope Rodriguez, Community & Marketing  
Services Division  
Dona Kordich, Community & Marketing  
Services Division  
Pamela Miller, Community & Marketing  
Services Division

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

None

**MEETING LOCATION**

Burton W. Chace Park Community Room

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The new Chair, Commissioner Bronowski, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and asked the new Vice-Chair, Commissioner McCurdy, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff and the public stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bronowski asked if anyone had any comments about the minutes from the last meeting. No one had any comments and the minutes were approved.



### 3. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Beach and Harbor Use Permit Policy Revision

Mr. Kreimann stated that DBH had incorporated a significant amount of input from the public, as well as members of this Commission, and introduced Penelope Rodriguez to highlight the changes. Mrs. Rodriguez said she would talk about the areas that were changed from the last meeting based on the public and the Beach Commissioners comments. Mrs. Rodriguez mentioned that the gross receipts were previously a flat fee of 15% and remains the same. The gross receipts payment was to be paid in advance, but now there is a payment plan: 25% of the estimated gross receipts would be due before the issuance of the use permit, 50% of the estimated gross receipts would be due 5 days after the start of the camp or fitness training activity, and 25% of the actual gross receipts is due no later than 5 business days after the last day of the activity and any additional payment due based on the actual gross receipts will be due 30 days following the permitted camp or fitness activity. Mr. Kreimann clarified that it is the 25% balance of actual gross receipts. Mrs. Rodriguez said the selection criteria percentages have changed a little. Responsiveness remains the same at 5%, Professional Experience was 15% is now 25%, Financial Capability was 10% will be 15%, Safety Standards were 30% and now is 25%. The Operating Plan was reduced from 30% to 15% and the Community Service was raised from 5% to 10%. The Financial Remuneration remains at 5% and the Location Bid remains the same at \$100 minimum per location. There were concerns that operating hours for camps had to be during lifeguard tower operational hours. This will remain the same, except that any operator who employs Ocean Lifeguards or EMTs may be permitted for early hours. But water activities would still only be allowed during the lifeguard tower's operational hours, unless the operator pays for additional lifeguard hours. Employee screening was also added at the operator's expense, so all camp operators will have to perform background checks for all employees that interact with children. The training level asked for is the Red Cross Lifeguard Training with CPR for the Professional Rescuer course remains the same. DBH added desirable qualifications in both the Professional Experience and Safety Standards categories. The new qualifications require the employment of EMTs and professional certified Ocean Lifeguards with CSLSA certification or equivalent. Commissioner Powell asked if an operator has the optional certification, are they given points for being better qualified. Mr. Kreimann said that is correct, they would receive more points.

Chair Bronowski asked if there were any other Commission questions, and if not, it was time for public comments. She also asked the public to only address the changes that were made.

Michele Branconier, California Collaboration for Youth/American Camp Association – Ms. Branconier asked if the selection criteria for the Financial Remuneration percentage that is 15% in 2011 will vary from year to year and is there a specific criteria that camps should expect. She also felt safety was being compromised by bringing down the Safety Standards. Mr. Kreimann said DBH would compare what other people are charging and the rate would be set by the market.

Jack Tingley, Beach Sports, Inc. - Mr. Tingley urged DBH to move the age limit from 18 to 16 for camp instructors. He was also concerned that the fee for 2011 was being raised and though the location list was wrong.

Sina Monjazebe, Sandy Days Kids Camp - Mr. Monjazebe was concerned about a fee rise for this year, camp operating hours and the children not being allowed to go into the water until Lifeguards are present. He is also concerned about only having 25 kids in the water at one time.

Eric Colton, Fitness by the Sea – Mr. Colton commented about an email sent out from Commissioner Milam on 5/1/11 to Mr. Kreimann and the camp owners. He is also concerned about non-profits being treated the same as for-profits as far as gross receipts are concerned and thinks the location bid should have a cap. Mr. Colton also had concerns about the selection criteria.

Chris Brown, Camp Surf, C.B.V.A., Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation – Mr. Brown also mentioned the email sent out by Commissioner Milam and thought it was agreeable and asked the Commissioners to vote against this current proposal. He also thought that fees being due upfront was not good.

Patrick Murphy, Learn to Surf L.A. – Mr. Murphy said he too agrees with Commissioner Milam's proposal. He also said the location bid should be capped or eliminated ~~and only be used as a tie-breaker~~. He also thought that fees due upfront was unreasonable ~~fair~~.

Kip Jerger, Kanoa Aquatics – Mr. Jerger made inappropriate remarks about the Director of DBH and does not agree with the proposed policy changes.

Chair Bronowski said that was the end of public comments and it was time for the Commissioners and the Director to comment.

Mr. Kreimann commented that this is the third time this item has been before the Commission and a work study was also held. He said that DBH has tried to address the concerns of various operators and have made a lot of concessions. Mr. Kreimann would not address Mr. Jerger comments as they were offensive. He said the Beach was a recreational venue for everybody, not just locals. DBH has the responsibility of maintaining the beaches and this is funded by the generation of revenues. Mr. Kreimann said he didn't think another work group was necessary, as DBH has heard the complaints loud and clear and have taken them in consideration, as well as Commissioner Milam's suggestions and the rest of the Commissioners. Mr. Kreimann thanked DBH staff for their hard work and the operators for all their input and looked forward to feedback from the Commissioners so the policy could be moved forward. Commissioner McCurdy asked for a show of hands from the public of how many of them hire people under 18. Chair Bronowski wanted some clarification on this rule. Mr. Kreimann explained that this was an issue with the Lifeguards and asked Chief Frazer to explain. Chief Frazer said 18-year olds instruct in the water, this is the standard for L.A. County Lifeguards. The compromise is having 16-year olds instruct on the beach; it's an issue of safety. Commissioner McCurdy asked what the cost is for a background check and is this something new to the process. Mr. Kreimann said is about \$35. Commissioner McCurdy asked if birthday parties have been an issue in the past and why this was being added. Mr. Kreimann said that if a permit has been provided for a surf camp and during these testimonies, DBH has heard that the permits are also being used for birthday parties and other additional events. Commissioner McCurdy commented that capping the fees is a reasonable request. Commissioner Stern mentioned that the comments made about Mr. Kreimann were uncalled for and he was offended by them, but appreciated all other comments. He also stated that the beaches belong to everyone and the locals do not own it. Commissioner Dougher commented that the operators received the revised policy two days ago and had not had time to go over the changes. He also asked was there a time limit on when the changes had to be done and is there enough time for another session. Mr. Kreimann answered the time line was to have the new policy in place for the summer of 2012 so the operators can have plenty of time to market their camps after getting their permit. DBH needs time to get the Boards approval and then actually do the bidding process, so it is a very compressed time period.



Mr Kreimann said the preference is to move this forward to the Board and he does not believe another study session would change the recommendations. The comments made today are similar to the ones made before and they have been taken into consideration already. Commissioner Dougher said the comments made were valid and he would not feel comfortable making a recommendation without another study session. Commissioner Chapman concurred with Commissioner Dougher and though the discontent was reasonable. Commissioner Chapman asked if there were any studies that showed that 16-year olds were not as responsible as 18-year olds. Chief Frazer said the L.A. County Lifeguards' statistical safety records is better than any other lifeguard agency's safety record in the world and the standard is 18- years old, where there is a higher degree of maturity. L.A. County has very qualified 16 and 17-year olds that are cadets and they don't go unsupervised. When they are in the lifeguard tower, they are with a Lifeguard 18-years or older and usually they have been in the program for seven or eight years, been through the academy, a background check and even then they are placed with a Lifeguard 18-years old or older. Commissioner Chapman commented about the unreasonableness of the upfront payment of fees. Commissioner Rohrer said the first thing is the safety of the kids and commented that there were other agencies that hired 16-year olds, but they worked with seasoned Lifeguards and are being trained until they are 18. He also commented that the beaches belonging to the locals is an archaic though, people from all over come to the beaches. Commissioner Doyle asked if the 16-year olds can be used in some other capacity and not be fired. Commissioner Powell asked if the packet for the meeting meet the Brown Act of 72 hours. Mr. Kreimann said it was posted Friday morning, so yes. Commissioner Powell said regarding the age, he agreed with Chief Frazer and safety is most important, but did not want anyone to get fired. He also asked what if the 16 and 17-year olds could be grandfathered in because of their experience. Chief Frazer said by default they would be 18 by the time this new policy is in place. Commissioner Powell asked about the payment schedule that was revised and wanted to know if the due dates were based on calendar days or business days. Mr. Kreimann said they were business days. Commissioner Powell asked what harm would be done if the camp operators were given ten days instead of five to pay. Mr. Kreimann said ten days would be fine. Commissioner Powell commented that the public input was appreciated and staff was great with compromises and revisions and thought that another study group would not be productive and believed the policy was workable. He also asked if there will be a review period to see how the policy is working. Mr. Kreimann said yes, DBH is always looking for ways to improve or adjust the process and said DBH could come back to the Commission to report on the bid process after it is done. Commissioner McDowell commented that the passage of time would enable the 16 and 17-year olds to meet the age/safety requirements and agreed that extending from five days to ten the amount of time for the second payment was reasonable. Commissioner McDowell also agreed that another study session was not necessary and said there is a year or so to make changes to the policy at staff, Commission or Board of Supervisor's level, if necessary. Commissioner Bronowski thanked staff and commented nothing would be gained from delaying the new policy any further and pointed out that there was no quorum so the policy should move forward with or without recommendation and asked if the policy would impact this summer and the fees being raised. Mr. Kreimann commented this year those that already have permits would be granted the same permit as last year. The existing operators were notified in November that there would be a fee because a lot of the operators were not paying a fee. The 2011 fee is 10% and is not changing. Chief Frazer said he had been a part of this process since the beginning and it was mandated, very complex and controversial, but DBH staff had done a great job. The permit process has to be open and competitive like everything is in the County. Having workshops and listening to the current camp operators was designed to help the current camp operators. He also added that an open and competitive process does not make these kinds of concessions. Chief Frazer agreed with some of the Commissioners that these meetings were not the

place for the offensive language. He said that Kip Jerger does not represent the views of the L.A. County Lifeguards and was appalled that Mr. Jerger presented himself as a L.A. County Lifeguard. Chief Frazer commented about the 25 person limit in the water and said it would depend on the day. He said some days, 25 people in the water would be too many and the Lifeguards determine the conditions of the water that day. If the camps want to exceed the limit, they should check with the Captain on duty so it could be authorized, depending on the conditions in the water. Chief Frazer said the American Red Cross training level was a huge concession and hoped that operators would get CSLSA certified EMT employees and that would be rewarded through the application process. Chair Bronowski asked for any other comments or motions. Commissioner Powell commented about a minor change from the five days to ten days. Chair Bronowski asked about getting a report back to the Commission after the first bid process and wants to add the Chief's suggestion regarding the 25 person limit in the water or as authorized by the Lifeguard Captain on duty. Commissioner Stern motioned to pass the new policy and Commissioner Powell seconded and noted there was no quorum but as advisement. Commissioner Dougher commented about the lack of a quorum and would not recommend this policy. Chair Bronowski said getting a quorum would be difficult during the summer months so she polled the Commissioners about their recommendation. The vote was 5 to 3 in favor of the policy. ~~The vote was six to two in favor of the policy.~~ Commissioner McDowell did not agree with the vote as there was no quorum. There was a five minute break so that Mr. Kreimann and Mrs. Silverstrom could meet with County Counsel. Chair Bronowski apologized for the delay and explained to the public that this item affects a lot of people and the Commission wants to insure that it is being handled properly. County Counsel advised that the Commission can not take action today because of no quorum and the Director can move this forward to the Board. Mr. Kreimann said DBH would consider all of the suggestions made by the Commissioners, finalize the draft and send it to the Board as quickly as possible.

B. Presentation of Proposed County Code Revisions to Title 2, Administration and Title 17, Parks, Beaches and Other Public Areas

Chair Bronowski asked Mrs. Silverstrom if there were changes made since the last meeting regarding beach tennis. Mrs. Silverstrom stated that there were two changes as a result of the last meeting. The first had to do with the Beach Commission's composition, and reducing the number of members from 20 to 10 and grandfathering in anybody that wanted to continue as a Commissioner. She said that Commissioner McDowell mentioned the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (the South Bay COG) had another way of dealing with the lack of a quorum. After missing three consecutive meetings, the Commissioner will be placed on an inactive list. A quorum then becomes a majority, plus one active member. There is no change to the number of Commissioners, however, the term will change from two years to four years. Commissioner Powell asked if DBH received the Sunset Review for the Beach Commission. Mrs. Silverstrom said it was received last week, but it was not yet scheduled to go before the Board however it did recommend the continuation of the Beach Commission. The other change was to ball playing restrictions, because of comments from the Commissioner's and the public, DBH is loosening restrictions. Right now the restriction is any ball or other flying objects under ten inches and is not made of rubber is not allowed on the beach. The change is beach balls, water polo balls and beach volleyballs will be allowed on the beach, and any other ball, will be allowed in areas designated by the Director or pursuant to a permit. Staff is currently looking for areas for permanent beach tennis courts and other areas for people to place their own nets temporarily. Chair Bronowski mentioned that there were three speakers for beach tennis.

Marty Salokas, Don & Ginger Young, West Coast Beach Tennis - Mr. Young said he was excited



about being able to play in designated areas and thinks beach tennis is safer than beach volleyball. Mr. Young also wanted people to be able to play on the volleyball court when it's not in use. Mrs. Silverstrom said DBH would not convert any existing volleyball courts into tennis courts unless a request comes from a local city. Mrs. Silverstrom stated she is working with County Counsel on the Beach Ordinance and Harbor Ordinance revisions and will take them to the Board together for their consideration within the next month or two.

Commissioner Dougher stated that it is embarrassing to not have quorum and thinks the inactive status is a good idea and asked about having a Commissioner removed for not attending the meetings. Mrs. Silverstrom said DBH did not have the authority to remove a Commissioner. Commissioner Dougher asked if and when DBH has notified the Supervisors of poor attendance. Mrs. Silverstrom said there is no written rule on when to do it. But when it is noticed, that there is no participation on the part of the member on any DBH commission, DBH goes to the Supervisor. DBH has not yet been successful. Chair Bronowski mentioned that the Commissioners used to get an attendance report and everybody thought it was embarrassing, so it was stopped. She would like to start it again and also absences should not be excused or unexcused, just absent. Chair Bronowski also asked that a reminder be sent to the Commissioners of the scheduled meetings for the rest of the year. Commissioner McDowell thanked Mrs. Silverstrom and staff for considering the South Bay COG's rule as it is very effective. It does not matter if the absence is excused or not, the absences get in the way of doing business. Mrs. Silverstrom asked the Chair if she would like to receive an attendance sheet starting with the next mail out along with a cover memo. Chair Bronowski stated she would like more meetings and asked that the cover memo include the reason why the report is being included. The new policy will state that Commissioners will be on inactive status for missing three consecutive meetings. Mrs. Silverstrom said the Beach Commission Rules should be presented to the Commission for consideration and discussion and to actively put in the new quorum requirement and look at other rules that might need changing.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. Lifeguard Report

Chief Frazer said the Fire Department is gearing up for summer and have started retraining and recertifying Lifeguards and they have had almost all of the Junior Lifeguards tryouts. There will be about 3100 kids this year.

B. Beach and Marina del Rey Special Events.

Chair Bronowski asked that all written reports be received and filed.

C. Facilities & Property Maintenance Division Report Regarding Beach Maintenance

Mrs. Silverstrom introduced Mr. Ken Foreman; Acting Chief of the Facilities & Property Maintenance Division, who is replacing Mr. Schumaker who is retiring. Mr. Foreman told the Commissioners DBH

was also getting prepared for summer and Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start of the summer season. DBH started a new schedule for maintenance staff on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The ground maintenance staff is working 7- 4p.m. The equipment operators start at 5 a.m., in order to get the beaches contoured and cleaned before the general public starts to arrive by mid-morning. Mr. Foreman said in the Point Dume area, DBH is replacing septic tanks in three restrooms, but at least one should be open by the end of the week. There had been some delays with the project that could not be helped. DBH is replacing failing septic systems. The one at Surfrider was completed in April and had been a big problem. It had reached capacity and for the last few summers had to be emptied manually a couple of times a week which was very expensive. This will be the first summer DBH won't be dealing with that and will considerably save costs. Mrs. Silverstrom stated the maintenance workers schedule changing is in response to hiring constraints in place now to meet a salary savings target. There are 17 beach maintenance positions vacant that otherwise would be on the beach. Similarly, DBH has not increased the number of staff that is on the beaches even though the beach population has increased. From 2008 to 2010 the population went up 10 million visitors. This year will be a little lower because of the bad weather. One of the Board offices has asked DBH to submit information about what shifts DBH would put into affect if given the money to fill the 17 positions. DBH provided a chart that shows DBH will increase a full shift at night and clean the heaviest used bathrooms at night and lock them down so they are ready for early morning use.

Commissioner Powell asked about the DBH Strategic Plan presentation. Mrs. Silverstrom said it would be presented at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Bronowski adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.**

## **NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Burton Chace Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl McGee  
Commission Secretary



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September 22, 2011

Santos H. Kreimann

Director

Kerry Silverstrom

Chief Deputy

Gary Jones

Deputy Director

To: Beach Commission  
From: *Kerry Silverstrom for*  
Santos H. Kreimann, Director  
Subject: **AGENDA ITEM 4A - SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON ZUMA BEACH UNDERPASS**

Item 4A pertains to a presentation to your Commission by the Department's Planning Division on the Zuma Beach access road, commonly referred to as the "Zuma Beach underpass", which is located near the intersection of Busch Drive and Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). The access road loops and extends from Busch Drive east to Zuma Creek, then follows the Creek beneath a bridge under PCH and continues to the main parking lot entrance for Zuma Beach. This access road serves as the main access point to Zuma Beach for northbound PCH traffic. A photograph of the general area is attached for your reference.

As background, in 1983, a concrete roadside levee was constructed to protect the underpass from being undercut by the Zuma Creek, which levee extends approximately nine feet below road grade. Over the past several years, a series of storms have deposited large amounts of sediment within the realigned creek bed, causing storm flows to be redirected across the looped portion of the access road. Therefore, the Department has been continually forced to close the access road during and after these storms due to flooding.

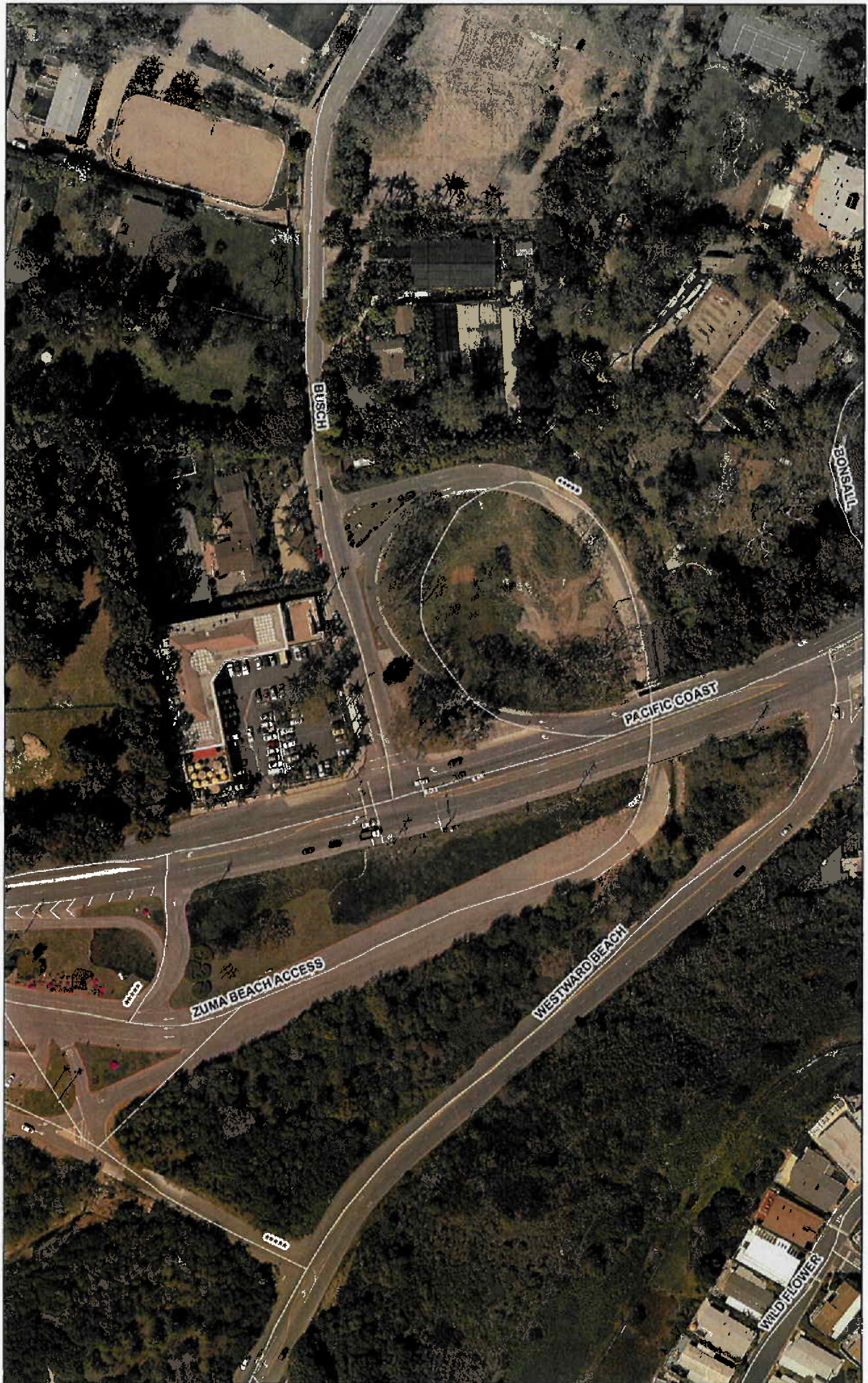
In 2007, the Department developed a plan that would involve excavating approximately 2,000 cubic yards of sediment along a 500 linear foot long section of the Zuma Creek in an effort to return the channel back to its previous profile and capacity as existed when the concrete roadside levee was constructed. The Department, thereby, hoped to restore full and continuous use of the access road.

In 2008, the Department submitted the plan to the City of Malibu, which approved a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the project. However, the CDP was ultimately appealed by two members of the California Coastal Commission because of concerns registered by the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission (SMBRC). Since that time, the Department and SMBRC have been working together to develop a strategy that addresses the Department's immediate need to maintain this access to Zuma Beach, as well as the goal of the SMBRC to develop a long-term solution for ultimate access.

Staff from the Department's Planning Division will be providing your Commission with a presentation and will also be available afterwards to answer any questions you may have.

SHK:ks  
Attachment









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TO: Beach Commission

FROM: Santos H. Kreimann, Director

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5A - ONGOING ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**BOARD ACTIONS ON ITEMS RELATING TO BEACHES**

On August 23, 2011, the Board approved the revised Beach and Harbor Use License Policy, including the associated fee schedule and the selection process for summer recreational camps and physical fitness training licensees. Simultaneously, the Board allocated any additional revenue increase resulting from the revised policy to the Department of Beaches and Harbors for beach and Marina del Rey operations.

On September 6, 2011, in furtherance of the Board's July 5, 2011 vote to approve extension of the sunset review date for your Commission from December 31, 2009 to December 31, 2014, the Board approved the ordinance presented by County Counsel that amends the County Code to reflect the extended sunset review date. This ordinance was thereafter adopted at the Board's September 13, 2011 meeting.

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Director

Kerry Silverstrom  
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Gary Jones  
Deputy Director

TO: Beach Commission  
FROM: *Catrina M. Love for*  
Santos H. Kreimann, Director

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5B - MARINA DEL REY AND BEACH SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **BEACH EVENTS**

#### **THE TORCH RELAY FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK**

Redondo Beach

Saturday, October 22 - 8:00 a.m.

Join in Los Angeles County's segment of the Torch Relay for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The Annual 5k Walk/5k Run covers 43 markets, beginning on the East Coast and moving to the West Coast then heads back to the East Coast covering 10,000 miles. The participants help raise money for equipment and for uncompensated care. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

For more information call: (800) 409-2544 or visit the website [www.torch-relay.org](http://www.torch-relay.org)

### **MARINA DEL REY**

#### **DISCOVER MARINA DEL REY 2011**

Sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors  
Burton Chace Park ♦ 13650 Mindanao Way ♦ Marina del Rey ♦ CA ♦ 90292

Sunday, October 9

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Discover Marina del Rey 2011* is a community event that can be enjoyed free of charge to the public, featuring booths from various organizations on health, safety and the environment, plus water events, inflatable's, games, music, arts & crafts and children's marionette shows. Visitors who wish to access the popular inflatable games and a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch must pay \$5.00 for a wristband. Food and soft drinks are also available for purchase at the park's restaurant, Hornblower Café, throughout the day.

Event parking is available for \$8 in County Lots #77 and #4 located at 13560 and 13500 Mindanao Way respectively.

For more information call: Marina del Rey Visitors Center at (310) 305-9545

**FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE WEEKEND CONCERT SERIES**

Sponsored by Pacific Ocean Management, LLC

All concerts from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

LA Cat, playing Reggae

Sunday, September 25

Hammer Smith, playing Rockin' Blues

Saturday, October 1

Hound Dog Dave and the Meltones', playing Blues/American Music

Sunday, October 2

Susie Hansen & Latin Jazz, playing Latin Jazz

Saturday, October 8

The Kid & Nic Show, playing Classic American Music

Sunday, October 9

2 AZZ 1, playing Smooth Jazz

Saturday, October 15

Jimbo Ross & The Bodacious Blues Bands, playing Blues

Sunday, October 16

Brasil Brazil, playing Bossa Nova/Samba

Saturday, October 22

Jimi Nelson & The Drifting Cowboys, playing Country & Western

Sunday, October 23

The Elian Project, playing Latin Contemporary

Saturday, October 29

Friends, playing Rhythm & Blues

Sunday, October 30

Bob DeSena, playing Latin Jazz

For more information call: Pacific Ocean Management at (310) 822-6866



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September 22, 2011

TO: Beach Commission  
FROM: *Kerry Silverstrom for*  
Santos H. Kreimann, Director

SUBJECT: **AGENDA ITEM 5D – CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS REPORT**

Item 5D on your agenda provides the Commission with a status report on the Department's five beach capital projects.

Supervisory District 3

(1)	Will Rogers SB - Coastline Drive Development	\$ 9,514,000
(2)	Dan Blocker-West Improvement Project	4,790,000
(3)	Beach Restroom Septic System Replacement Program	13,788,000
(4)	Venice Beach Parking Lot Reconstruction	1,252,000
(5)	Surfrider Beach Tank Removal	<u>394,960</u>

**Subtotal** \$29,738,960

(1) Will Rogers SB – Coastline Drive Development

The project includes: reconstruction of the parking lot; construction of an engineered seawall and slope; removal to below grade of the existing wooden pilings; construction of a view deck and ADA-compliant beach access ramp; and landscaping, irrigation and security lighting improvements.

*Current Status:* There is nothing new to report relative to advancement of this project, as the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is still being revised by the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the environmental consultant, after which regulatory permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) will be sought.

(2) Dan Blocker Beach-West Improvement Project

The project involves the development of an unimproved westerly portion of this beach site, all of which will be ADA-complaint and includes a small paved parking lot; ramp to the beach; bluff top trail; benches and picnic facilities with protective railings; new perimeter fencing; and bluff top and slope native planting, with minimal irrigation for erosion control.



*Current Status:* The DPW is continuing to work with the property owner on acquisition of the property needed for the project. In the meantime, the property owner has granted the County right of entry on the property to conduct geotechnical investigations, for which DPW is soliciting bids.

(3) Beach Restroom Septic System Replacement Program

This program consists of the replacement of septic systems and leach fields at 16 County operated beach locations in the Topanga and Malibu areas. Each project includes the removal of existing septic pumps and tanks and installation of an advanced treatment septic system, including pumps, tanks, telemetry monitoring system, filter pods, and leach field.

*Current Status:* Replacement of the septic systems and leach fields at the Zuma Maintenance Yard and Restroom No. 6 is now contemplated to occur February through May 2012. Replacement at Zuma Restroom Nos. 2, 7, 8 and 9 is expected to commence after Labor Day 2012.

(4) Venice Parking Lot Reconstruction

The only remaining component of this project is reconstruction of the parking lot at Washington Blvd.

*Current Status:* Reconstruction of the Washington Boulevard parking lot is on hold while the City of Los Angeles studies the feasibility of taking back operation and maintenance responsibilities for Venice Beach.

(5) Surfrider Beach Tank Removal

The abandoned saltwater concrete tank was uncovered during the storms of 2004-05 and this project is being designed to prevent subsequent injury or damage from subsequent exposure or sand collapse.

*Current Status:* A new scope of work has been tentatively accepted by the California State Parks Department, which the County team is finalizing, as well as developing an agreement with the State Parks Department for the latter to conduct documentation of the history of the tank to be displayed at the adjacent State property for educational purposes.

Information regarding the Redondo Beach Renourishment Project has been excluded from this month's report, as we are currently reassessing the scope of the project and the amount and type of renourishment that will occur. We will report back to your Commission next month on the revised project.

SHK:ks



**Los Angeles County Beach Commission  
Attendance Record June 2011-December 2011**

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\*No regularly scheduled meetings in August or December